



MCDOT NEWS

News from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Services

Democracy Boulevard Paving Project

Project to Begin Soon, Includes Day and Night-time Road Patching, Milling and Paving

PURPOSE

This newsletter is to inform you of the upcoming road pavement repairs and resurfacing of Democracy Boulevard, from I-270 to Old Georgetown Road (MD-187), and to describe the process. This pavement system preservation project employs long term strategies to preserve and enhance the physical and operating conditions of the roadway system as it exists and assures a system serviceable for many years. This project falls under the County's Primary/Arterial Roadway Resurfacing Program.

BACKGROUND

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) Division of Highway Services (DHS) maintains nearly 5,200 lane miles of streets and highways in the county's transportation system. As part of our pavement system preservation efforts, MCDOT initiated a new Pavement Management System in 2008. At that time, MCDOT concluded a complete condition inventory of all County roads, identifying and rating the condition of each. This new assessment survey, updated every two years, has enabled the development of County-wide roadway repair strategies using a formula-based objective rating system coupled with budgetary parameters.

SCOPE OF PROJECT

Overall, pavement conditions of Democracy Boulevard were generally rated as fair, with some areas described as needing more attention. This rating meets the criteria for Primary/Arterial Roadway Preservation using full-depth patching followed by hot

mix asphalt (HMA) overlay. In addition to this resurfacing operation, the sidewalk, curb and gutter infrastructure will undergo routine maintenance.

PROJECT WORK PLAN

Generally, the work will proceed as follows:

1. Conduct survey - MCDOT inspectors will identify areas of the roadway that, prior to resurfacing, may require full depth asphalt patching of the pavement.



Paint markings outline areas to be patched.

2. Concrete Repairs - Distressed areas of existing concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter will be repaired and/or replaced.

3. Full Depth Patching - Full depth patching restores the pavement's structural integrity and capacity to support vehicle loads. The areas of distressed pavement marked by the MCDOT inspectors is removed and replaced with new pavement. The final paving of the road will cover these patched areas and provide a smooth ride.



Typical milling (pavement excavating) operation.

4. Pavement milling, edge and full width - Edge milling/grinding off the edges of the existing pavement near curbs and driveways allows the new pavement to match the level of the existing curbs, etc. In this case, the entire surface of the roadway will be milled off to a depth of 1"-2" to restore the proper highway cross-section and to improve ride-ability and restore positive drainage.

5. Utility Adjustments - Sewer and storm drain manholes, water valves and gas valves, and other underground utility access covers need to be elevated to the same grade as the newly proposed pavement; usually 1" to 2". During construction activities, all utility surface adjustments will be maintained by the placement of temporary asphalt ramps until placement of the final paving occurs.

6. Paving with hot mix asphalt - Asphalt is delivered to the site in dump trucks. The hot material is then transferred into the hopper of an asphalt paving machine. The paving machine places the hot asphalt in a uniform thickness and provides initial compaction.



Typical asphalt paving operation.

Following placement, steel wheeled rollers complete the compaction effort until field testing indicates that all relevant

specifications have been met.

7. Replace roadway lane markings - Temporary lane markings will be placed until permanent markings are installed.

SCHEDULE

The project is expected to start in July 2015, and will take approximately six (6) weeks to complete, weather permitting. To help mitigate inconvenience to the traveling public, construction will be performed after the busy commuting times both during the day, between 9 am and 4 pm, and at night, between the hours of 8 pm and 6 am, Monday through Friday. However, Saturday night work will be permitted, if necessary, to expedite the completion of the project.

IMPACTS

Street paving will necessitate temporary lane closures; however, continuous traffic will be maintained at all times. Signs will be posted identifying such restrictions. Access to residences will be available at all times, however minor delays may be experienced as workers restrict traffic from freshly placed hot mix asphalt.

Generally speaking, this work is best characterized as noisy and disruptive. However, MCDOT and its contractors will take all necessary steps to mitigate any inconveniences this work may cause.

Quality control for the entire project will be managed by County inspection staff to ensure that the project meets County specifications.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work to improve the county infrastructure for residents and users!



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NOTICE OF DEMOCRACY BOULEVARD PAVING PROJECT IN BETHESDA

SAFETY NOTICE

Please drive gently and safely through the work site and kindly remember that while repair work is underway, personnel and construction vehicles will be moving around the site. Some materials may be stored in the area. Please use caution when walking or driving through the construction zone. Children may be attracted to the noise and machinery, so we ask that you please keep all children under close supervision at all times, even after the work is completed for the day. Also, please follow the direction of flaggers and temporary signs and traffic control devices. We appreciate your patience and cooperation while we make these much needed improvements to the infrastructure. *If, for some reason, you have a medical condition that could be potentially impacted by the construction activities, please alert the Project Manager listed below or Josh Faust, Public Outreach Manager, at 240-777-7642.*

IMPORTANT MCDOT CONTACTS

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